PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroshi CHIBA

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For: METHOD FOR ADJUSTING PROJECTION OPTICAL APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification; and

Remarks.